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CIRCULAR

In partial modification of the Circulars issued by the RTI Cell bearing No. 6/1/2010-RC dated 8th April, 2010 and 24th June, 2010 regarding transfer of RTI application to other CPIO within the Ministry it is stated that transfer of RTI application by one CPIO to another CPIO with in the same public Authority i.e. MOEF does not take place within the ambit of section 6(3) of the RTI Act. It is further clarified with the approval of the competent authority that in case of an applicant asking for several pieces of related information dealt with by different CPIOs, the CPIO concerned with the first part of the request will deal with the reference. He/she will act as the coordinator and obtain inputs from other CPIOs and send the reply to the applicant from his level.

- 2. However, the designated CPIO can obtain assistance under Section 5(4) from any of the officers or officials. Section 5(5) provides that for the purpose of any contravention of the provisions of this Act, the officer/official whose assistance is sought shall be treated as CPIO or SPIO as the case may be.
- 3. In view of provisions contained in RTI Act, 2005 as enumerated above, all CPIOs are advised to comply with the provisions accordingly.

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All CPIOs/AAs / Divisional Heads, (M/o E&F)